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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/583,457 :  
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FOR: NOVEL MIXTURES FOR :  
ASSAYING NUCLEIC ACID, NOVEL :  
METHOD OF ASSAYING NUCLEIC :  
ACID WITH THE USE OF THE SAME :  
AND NUCLEIC ACID PROBE TO BE :  
USED THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Communication dated December 19, 2006, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.